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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Seiji Yamashita et al

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For: SURFACTANT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME, AND DETERGENT  
COMPOSITION

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the office action dated October 6, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.